

Key Clucks



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IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!!

Send \$3 dues to WB9LTN to replenish our treasury. That should cover the cost of this newsletter, a few miscellaneous expenses of the cluck-in, and a little extra for the future. (New members who have not received a previous newsletter and who have paid the \$5 initiation fee need not send additional money this year.)

Key Clucks is the unofficial publication of CFO. Established in 1979, CFO is dedicated to competent Morse code operation in the Amateur Radio Service.

The CFO subcommittee known as the CFO SOBS (Chicago's Finest Operators and Several Other Barnyard Scallawags) are proud to bring you this issue of Key-Clucks along with news of the September Cluck-In. Material herein has been collected from NZ4W (or is that N7VW?), K4CJX, W2YS (most of the yokes), W9WBLXYL (sure that's a legal call, as long as you don't use it on the air; thanks to Doris for some of the artwork), N9EJS, and WB9LTN. If anything offends, blame WB9LTN. If anything pleases, thank N9EJS. If anything seems outstanding, it's purely accidental.

Thanks to K9AMC for keeping things swingin' (ever work Kris on his bug?), to KB9XE for keeping things wild, (ask Frank what "WB" stands for), and to WS9D for being the preacher of the year (nobody converts those bugs like Kirby).

LATE-BREAKING NEWS FLASH:

Bob WB9LTN has "*volunteered* (?!?)" to handle the treasury and rooster for the upcoming year. Send dues, change of addresses, and membership applications to him at the address on the first page. Remember, membership applications should be accompanied by 2 nominations from members. These nominations should be sent to the applicant who forwards them to Bob.

!!!CLUCK-IN ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

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Firstest and foremost, there's gonna' be a gathering of the chickens! It's gonna' be fabulous. It's gonna' be great! And it's not gonna' be too darned expensive (yaaaah)!.



It's gonna' be September 20-22, 1991, at the Oakbrook Marriott Courtyard about 10 miles west of Chicago's loop. The cost is \$56 per night for room plus a few bucks per member for the hospitality room plus a few spirits (we're estimating \$7 a member (spouses free) for the weekend with a cap of \$10). The actual amount will be decided when we see how many are in attendance and will be collected during the weekend. There will be a Saturday night banquet, but plans are still sketchy for that event. The cost will probably be in the \$15 to \$20 range (spouses not free!). For those flying in, cost of transportation to and from the airport will run around \$25 round trip (either Midway or O'Hare). We may be able to arrange some free shuttle service for some folks, but that's not guaranteed. Meals, of course, will be extra. (So will the XYL's shopping money!)

The motel is less than two miles from two major shopping centers (one with a Neiman-Marcus and Nordstrum's - bring your credit cards), and public transportation is available to these on a convenient schedule. There are, of course, numerous tourist attractions in the Chicago area, and some of you might want to consider staying an extra day or two to take more of these in. If there is enough interest, WB9LTNXYL will lead the ladies on a trip to one of the country's finest shopping areas known as Long

Grove Village on Saturday morning, and WB9LTN will lead the OM's on a tour of Fermi Lab (the national accelerator lab). Both of these are fairly close by. A list of major attractions will be sent to registrants well in advance.

OK, you ask, how do I make sure I'm included in the group? Easy. First, call Marriott Courtyard at 1-800-321-2211 and reserve your room (use your credit card or send in a deposit as per instructions you will receive from the operator when you make your reservations). Tell them you're with the "Ham Radio CFO" (be exact with that name; this is a national reservation line), and need a room at the Oakbrook Terrace motel. Specify one bed or two (I believe the one-bed rooms have a kingsize bed), and the dates for which you want the room. Also indicate whether you want guaranteed reservations if you're arriving after 6:00 P.M. If all the CFO rooms are filled, take any room they've got! Then fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter, and send it to WB9LTN (address above form). In return, Bob will send a packet with information on how to find the motel and local attractions. Ain't that easy?

Incidentally, the lovely courtyard for which this motel chain is named is just across the hall from the hospitality room (if the weather is nice, the hospitality room will be a waste of money). There is also a lounge area just down the hall. Due to the convenience of these areas, we are honoring the request of several members to designate the hospitality room a no-smoking area.



Our featured member this issue is W9LOH, Byron (Paddy) Liles. Paddy, CFO #932, lives in Dawson, Illinois (5 miles east of Springfield). Paddy and his XYL, Sara, have seven harmonics and one grand-harmonic. Paddy says "life is never dull with three teen age daughters still in residence."

Paddy was first licensed in 1959 while a high school student in Memphis, Tennessee with the call K4ESN. When he moved to Illinois in 1969, he picked up his present call of W9LOH.

He is a member of the Society of Wireless Pioneers and QWCA. From '62 to '65, he was a radio operator on navy airplanes. He owns a small insurance agency in "...a town so small, that the Farmer's State Bank is an old sock."

He holds a private pilot's license, and admits "I am no fireball pilot, but have managed to keep the rubber-side down and the shiny side up -- so far!"

He is past commander of American Legion Post #508, Illiopolis, IL., and remains quite active in that organization.

Says Paddy, "For the first time, I attended the Dayton Hamfest this year. It was great again being with Mike AA4WT, and to also meet Wayne NZ4W, Steve K4CJX, and a host of others."

Since becoming a CFO member, Paddy has been trying to QSO with members of the coop, and as he puts it "...what a nice bunch of guys [*we knew that - ED.*], and they can copy my old bug!" Welcome to the nest, Paddy.

Do you like reading about the membership? Then send Wayne information about yourself! We can't print it if we ain't got it. Incidentally, any other information, articles, yokes, et cetera that might be included in a future newsletter would be very welcome!

--Please!--Please!--Please!--Please!--Please!--Please!--

The greatest of all accomplishments of 20th. century science has been the discovery of human ignorance.
(Lewis Thomas)

--Duh--Duh--Duh--Duh--Duh--Duh--Duh--Duh--Duh--

Daffynition -- Transister: a nun who dresses like a priest

--Amen--Amen--Amen--Amen--Amen--Amen--Amen--

Kudos are due to two CFOers for their tireless efforts at keeping the CFO nets active and orderly. WS9D (Kirby) has his hands full on Saturday mornings trying to keep a bunch of cw ops in tow on side band, but the Yodel net seems to run smoothly under his able direction. Join the fun at 14Z (15Z in winters) on 7233. The bug net is kept under control by W8IO (Bob) on 7037 at 00Z (3537 at 01Z winters). Man, you ain't lived 'til you've heard half a dozen bugs "tuning up" all at once. N9EJS can get over a hundred dits out of his without resetting (maybe a five pound weight on the spring?).



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Cipher put back in manuscript for French wines (6)
2. Surprisingly wrap tie line on phone that's illegal (7)
3. Loose connection in decoder is queer (6)
4. He provides new equipment free; ITT disturbed, right (8)
5. Hearing a bit of electronic interference is a nuisance (6)
6. Follows attachés loosely, including tail on ambassador (6)
7. With renewed energy, infiltrates Zagreb or Novgorod (6)
8. It's right in tape: half of cipher from bar for swingers (7)
9. All sexed up like some brass? (5)
10. "Antelope" is Kremlin's initial identification when turning double (3-3)
11. The president's upset, surrounded by spies and some ... (7)
12. Chirpious turncoat is taken in by the Red (7)
13. Hell's Angels, e.g., put 1,000 in collars (6)
14. Barely shot, but looked about right (6)
15. Intelligence support for woman in a bit of sabotage (6)
16. The first woman in this is light-fingered (7)

DOWN

1. Prohibit *E* in Morse code for **sex** symbol (6)
2. A little bit's left after this code (6)
3. Former head of CIA to employ alibi (6)
4. Microwave antennas hissed badly (6)
5. Second leak turned up without a fruit (6)
6. He sells militarist the limits of encoder (6)
7. Counterspy in Morse familiarly picked up **Reds** that are somewhat blue (8)
8. Looked like curtains for a Red DP, possibly (6)
9. Commanding officer going to conceal ends of microfilm from general (6)
10. Reload shot for rigorous trial (6)
11. Subversive snitch to stop the leak (6)
12. 007's boss with cipher on **uranium** agreement upset, being very timid (6)
13. Carrier pigeons start handling Morse in code (6)
14. Crude alias is cover for **spy's** first attack (6)
15. Major's central character in perverse sex spells (6)
16. Provides some cover with cryptic dashes (6)

...Now hear this! Wanted on any terms! A reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of Eddy Current, charged with the induction of an 18 year old coil, called Milli Henry. Found half choked and with the theft of valuable joules. This unrectified criminal armed with a carbon rod escaped from Western Primary Cell where he had been clamped in ions. The escape was planned in three phases. First, he fused the electrolytes. Then he climbed through a grid despite the impedance of wardens, and finally he ran to earth in a nearby magnetic field. He has been missing since Farady. Watt seems most likely is that he stole an AC motor. This is of low capacity and he is expected to change it for a megacycle and return ohm by a short circuit. He may offer series resistance and is a potential killer.

--*Danger--Danger--Danger--Danger--Danger--Danger--*

Historical trivia question: How did copper wire get invented?

Answer: Two lawyers arguing over a penny.

--*Pull--Pull--Pull--Pull--Pull--Pull--Pull--Pull--*

What do you call it when a CFOer has a lapse of memory? "Hamnesia."



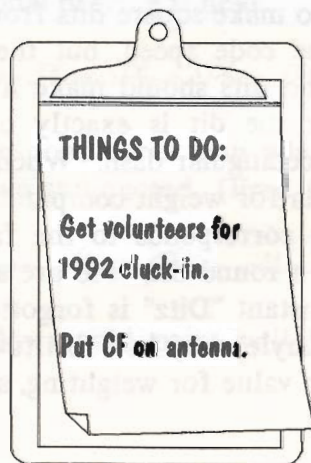
Hey Pat, is this a Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, or Bison? Well, can you at least tell me whether it's a bull or a heifer? Maybe the sheriff can help!



That should settle the question of whether there's ever any bull in the Key-Clucks! And for you fisherman out there, notice it's a *bullhead*!

--Moo--Moo--Moo--Moo--Moo--Moo--Moo--Moo--

Any volunteers to coordinate the 1992 cluck-in? George and Bob (N9EJS and WB9LTN) will be happy to offer suggestions for achieving the successes they are about to achieve and avoiding the headaches they have had and the ones they don't even know about yet, but will find out about before it's all over. Chicago is probably not too centrally located for some of our chickens, so the next one should probably be somewhere else. Of course, if the membership decides they would rather travel to Chicago every year rather than organize one somewhere else, George will be happy to continue in this year's fine tradition!



Patient: Doc, can you help me? My husband joined a group called CFO, and now he thinks he is a chicken.

Doctor: Well, you better bring him in and let me see him.

Patient: Sorry, I can't do that. We need the eggs.

--Yoke--Yoke--Yoke--Yoke--Yoke--Yoke--Yoke--

Happiness is seeing your mother-in-law's picture on the back of a milk carton.

--Oh my--Oh my--Oh my--Oh my--Oh my--Oh my--

A jury is a committee of 12 persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.

--Justice--Justice--Justice--Justice--Justice--Justice--

The article in a previous Key-Clucks about higher code speed through the use of vertical rather than horizontal dashes seems to have been a flash in the keyboard. However, in light of current emphasis on digital modes, it is suggested that all CFOers adjust their KBs, keys, and bugs to make square dits from now on. This will not increase code speed, but the use of square rather than round dits should make it much easier to discern whether the dit is exactly one-third of the corresponding rectangular dash. When square dits are used, the formula for weight computations is "Dits are squared," which corresponds to the familiar formula for the area of a round dit, "Pie are squared." If the value of the constant "Ditz" is forgotten, the value of the constant "Quayle" may be substituted, but this will result in a lower value for weighting, since "Quayle" is of a low value.

EXXON STRIKES AGAIN

Authorities representing the Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Waste Disposal Department (EPATWDD) were unable to identify the gaseous cloud which passed over the Davidson County border from the south. Residents in the southern part of the country swamped local fire, police, and civil defense communications with phone calls after the massive cloud passed.

Sheriff Ol Factory, NOSE, a local amateur radio freak, was the first person reported to have observed the gas passing. "It smelled like XXXX", said Factory, a local legend due to his ability to detect various gas passings in recent years. "It was bright yellow and was floating from Williamson County at about a mile an hour," he said.

When contacted, Elmer Flatus, N4PEW, President of the Tennessee CFO chapter, denied allegations the RF generated from his county was responsible and declined further comment. Residents to the north have called for a suspension of all radio activity until a full congressional hearing is held.

--PheW--PheW--PheW--PheW--PheW--PheW--PheW--PheW--

Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns. He should be drawn and quoted. (Fred Allen)

--Moan--Groan--Moan--Groan--Moan--Groan--Moan--

He who swallows gold paint will have a feeling of inner guilt.

Some say it's Gorbys, the Shittes, the kooks
Some say it's the generals, their budgets, their nukes,
Some say it's the crimes, the lawyers, the guns,
Some say it's Helms, the Contras, the funds
Some say it's McBride, it's Fuchs, and the rest,
Some say it's God, a query, a test,
Some say it's the winter, the weather, the sadness,
Some say it's crack, bad whiskey, the madness,
Some say it's Larsen, Breathed, Trudeau,
Some even blame Larry, Curly, and Mo,
Some even say it's the CIO,
Some say it's life, the mystery, the blues,
Some say it's the facts, the fantasy, the news.
Some say it's their guts, their backs, or their hearts,
Some say it's most folks, their new tucks and new parts,
Some say it's the flouride, the radon, the ants,

But we say it's simply the lack of a DANCE,
And the surge that will come from some simple romance,
At a carousal swirling 'round
Frowns are taboo when the calliope sounds.
So come to Chicago, all ye ladies and men,
Let's have some fun and start similin' again.

--Thanks, Wayne, for a terrific poem!



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CALL _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME (if he/she is coming) _____

ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME _____

DEPARTURE DATE AND TIME _____

(Check one): BY CAR _____ AIRPLANE _____ BOAT _____ BICYCLE _____

(If flying): AIRPORT _____ AIRLINE _____

FLIGHT NUMBER OF ARRIVAL _____

BEVERAGE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE STOCKED IN HOSPITALITY ROOM: _____

Check activities you might be interested in: _____

SHOPPING AT LONG GROVE VILLAGE _____ TOUR OF FERMILAB _____

TOUR OF CHICAGO LOOP _____ VISIT MUSEUMS _____

OTHER (specify) _____

IMPORTANT Unless otherwise indicated, we will assume you are attending the banquet if you are going to be here Saturday night.

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